

## VILLA SAID TO BE LOCATED

Armistice With Carranzistas Arranged During Conference

### U. S. DEFERS ANSWER

Army Chiefs Will Discuss Plans for Further Pursuit of Bandits in Mexico

Washington, April 25.—Hopes of the capture of Villa are revived with State Department advice that Villa has been located sixty miles west of Satevo.

Marion Letcher, consul at Chihuahua City, reports that he has been "reliably informed" that Villa has been located.

Washington, April 25.—Further developments in the pursuit of Villa and the relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico now await personal discussion of these subjects by the senior military advisers of the two governments.

A conference between Maj.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the American Army, and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Minister of War of the de facto government, was arranged late yesterday to take place probably in Juarez. General Scott is now in San Antonio, Texas, and General Obregon is thought to be already on his way north from Mexico City. They may meet today or tomorrow.

Announcement that General Carranza had agreed to the conference was made by Eliseo Arrondondo, Mexican Ambassador designate, who paid a second visit to Secretary Lansing yesterday to communicate the fact. Secretary Baker was promptly informed and the information transmitted to General Scott.

Mr. Arrondondo called at the State Department first to say that his government asked that some reply be made to the note of April 12 suggesting that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

The Ambassador was informed that no reply could be made to General Carranza's note at present. Secretary Lansing is understood to have made it plain that the Washington Government was anxious that General Scott be given a chance to talk the situation over with General Obregon before a formal answer was prepared. On his return to the embassy Mr. Arrondondo found a message announcing that General Obregon would go to the border.

Details of the meeting were left to General Scott by Administration officials. At the Mexican Embassy, however, it was said that while no word had come that General Obregon was on his way to the border, there was reason to believe he had already left Mexico City. As the two officers hold equal military rank and as General Obregon is a Cabinet officer in addition, it was assumed at the embassy he would suggest that General Scott call on him in Juarez in accordance with diplomatic and military meetings, it was said, probably would take place across the border in El Paso, because of the better accommodations there.

General Scott has an enviable and unusual record for conducting friendly negotiations. The arrangement of a neutral zone at Naco, Sonora, during fighting between Carranza and Villa troops; a later conference with Villa, which resulted in the release of American goods detained by him, and the quelling of an uprising of Piute Indians in Utah are recent examples of his skill as a diplomat. He is known to have believed that a greater degree of co-operation could be secured from the Carranza forces, if a personal conference with any of the leading commanders could be arranged.

Martha Washington Candies, Fresh every day, at P. O. Cockey's 525 King.

Oysters In All Styles At The Rammel Cafe.

### HARRY THAW'S FORTUNE

Evelyn Nesbit's Son May Still Become the Heir

Pittsburgh April 25.—Will Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's six year old son, Russell, inherit the fortune of Harry Kendall Thaw in spite of the fact that the principal ground upon which Thaw obtained a divorce was testimony from three persons that Patrick John Francis, a former newspaper reporter and press agent of New York, admitted to them that he was the child's father and that Mrs. Thaw herself at various times confirmed Francis' admissions?

Competent authority calculates that the Thaw millions have increased immensely since the elder Thaw's death and that at that time the Thaw fortune was estimated at about \$40,000,000.

The fact that under the laws of Pennsylvania and because of the terms of the will made by Harry K. Thaw's father the status of the child as Thaw's prospective heir were not materially injured by his testimony, direct and downright, as it was, is a point of tremendous interest to the legal fraternity. The paternity of the little boy, absolutely repudiated by Thaw when he testified in the divorce hearing before Judge Cohen in the Common Pleas Court and attributed to Patrick (Jack) Francis by three witnesses, was not necessarily the compelling factor in the granting of a decree on April 19, but it was a most important feature of the case. To the mind of the layman, unversed in the peculiarities of the law of this state, the testimony might have seemed to remove forever any possible chance the boy—Russell—might have had to inherit Harry K. Thaw's fortune.

Lawyers, however, do not look at the matter that way. They seem fairly well agreed that the divorce suit testimony, positive as it was, actually accomplished nothing so far as inheritance rights under the laws of Pennsylvania are concerned.

### CHILDREN ABED DYNAMITED

Explosive Thrown Under Sleeping Youngsters Fails to Kill

Scranton, Pa., April 25.—Enemies dynamited the home of Morris Hollander, Old Forge, early Sunday morning, by throwing a stick of dynamite with a lighted fuse attached through a bedroom window.

His children, Cecelia, aged 4, and Emmanuel, aged 2, had narrow escapes from death. The dynamite landed on the floor beneath their bed, and in exploding twisted the iron bed and springs into a tangled mass of iron, tore the plaster from the walls and wrecked other articles of furniture. The children were thrown from the bed by the force of the explosion but the bed clothing saved them, unhurt, save for a few bruises and scratches.

### M'COMBS WILL RETIRE

Chairman of Democratic National Committee Will Retire After St. Louis Convention

Washington April 25.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, yesterday notified President Wilson that he will be unable to continue in his present position after the national convention and will be unable to direct the campaign of Mr. Wilson for re-election.

Replying to Mr. McCombs' letter, the President expressed regret. Fred B. Lynch, National Committeeman from Minnesota, is expected to succeed Mr. McCombs, and conduct the campaign.

### CHARTER ISSUED.

A charter was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the Williams, Belmont & Co., Inc., Alexandria. Maximum, \$250,000; minimum, \$12,500. Julius N. Schoenberg, president, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bernhard Williams, secretary and treasurer, New York City; purposes: clothing business.

### DEATH NOTICE

DIED at his residence, 517 South Washington Street, April 24, 1916, at 2:30 P. M., MARTIN LAWLER, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 78 years. Funeral from St. Mary's Church April 27, 9:30 A. M. 25-2-t.

## BERLIN AWAITS KAISER'S WORD

Will Not Reply to U. S. Until He Has Been Consulted Again

### HOLD A CONFERENCE

Washington Officials Manifest Encouragement By Reports From German Capital

Berlin, April 25.—It is understood that the German reply to the American note will not be delivered before the Imperial Chancellor has another opportunity of conferring with the Emperor.

The American Ambassador was called by telephone to the Imperial Chancellor's palace yesterday morning. He went immediately and the conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg lasted an hour and 10 minutes.

When he came from the conference, Ambassador Gerard declined to give any information as to the nature of the discussion and would not answer a question as to whether anyone else was present.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg devoted the afternoon to conferences on the submarine question with Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the Admiralty Staff, who recently succeeded Admiral von Tirpitz. Several of the higher diplomatic officials participated.

Washington, April 25.—Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin Government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be contained in confidential dispatches received yesterday by the State Department from Ambassador Gerard. Socialists and labor leaders are represented as being particularly averse to any such move.

Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin Government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. It still is uncertain, however, whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American demands.

Officials allowed it to become known that Mr. Gerard's dispatches indicated that Germany would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. Mr. Gerard is understood to have gained his views during conversations with Berlin officials, including Foreign Minister von Jagow.

Rio de Janeiro, April 25.—The press continues to show approbation of President Wilson's course with respect to Germany.

O Paiz says that the solidarity of the new continent is such that, should occasion arise, all the American government would support, without reserve, the action of President Wilson.

A Notice declares that all indications point to the evolution of the neutrals toward war. It adds: "It is impossible to think that the United States will back down."

### RAIDERS TO DIE.

Seven Villa Followers Are Sentenced by Judge Medler at Deming.

Deming, N. M., April 25.—The seven Villa followers who were captured after the raid on Columbus and convicted of murder in the first degree were yesterday condemned to die May 19, by Judge Edward I. Medler.

The prisoners pleaded that they were ignorant of where they were going at the time of the raid and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Six of the bandits listened unmoved to the sentence of death, but the seventh, Jose Rangel, who had been wounded in the raid and was carried into court on a cot, cried for mercy. Judge Medler ordered the prisoners to the Santa Fe penitentiary for safe keeping.

### LOCAL BREVITIES

City Council will meet tonight, for its regular semi-monthly session.

An adjourned meeting of the board of police commissioners will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The Willard W. C. T. U., will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at Trinity M. E. Church.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given tonight by the Trinity M. E. Church Sunday school.

In the Corporation Court today a decree a mensa e thoro was entered in the case of Mary Jane Carter vs. Edward J. Carr.

William H. Dawson has sold to Lindsey H. Evans, a house and lot in No. 2, Lot 4, Section 1, of Rosemont.

Alyett B. Nicol was the lucky holder of ticket No. 85, for pair of gold emblem cuff buttons, which was voiced at Elks' Home last night.

Fannie Boyd a very well known and respected colored woman, was found dead sitting in a chair, at her home, 823 Gibbon street, yesterday morning. She was 58 years old.

The Old Dominion Boat Club has decided to admit to membership very shortly boys under 18 years of age. Heretofore, no one under this age was allowed membership, but it is believed that the new rule will result in a large membership of juniors.

### VON DE GOLTZ ASSASSINATED

Reports from Swiss and Italian sources say the Field Marshal von der Goltz was assassinated immediately after the news of the fall of Trebizond reached Constantinople, and when he was about to board a train for Berlin. Another story says that upon seeing that the Russians were about to decisively defeat the Turks before Trebizond, von der Goltz, despairing of the collapse of his 20 years of work with the Turkish army placed himself with all his staff at the head of the Ottoman force and charged to certain death. Yet another version of his death says that it was due to the rigors of the 30 mile retreat on horseback, after the route of the Turk before Trebizond.

### BRIDE AND GROOM INJURED.

G. A. Ketron, and his bride were badly injured in a wreck on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Thursday and are now in a hospital at Dante. Mr. Ketron had both legs broken and his bride had one broken and was otherwise injured. They were married in Bristol Wednesday. Mrs. Ketron was Miss Emma Gilmer, of Gladesville, Va. The couple were met here by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Martin, of Big Stone Gap, who performed the wedding ceremony. The bride and groom were on their way to Lebanon, when the coach in which they were riding left the rails and was side-wiped by a car of logs.

### ROOSTER ATTACKS WOMAN

Mrs. C. W. Garrett, of Farmville, was attacked by a huge rooster, which struck her and broke her left leg, just above the ankle, in the back yard of her home Thursday. Mrs. Garrett went into the yard to give attention to flock of young chickens, and as she was returning to the house the rooster struck her with his spurs.

### DANCE

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## WEST VIRGINIA STILL REFUSES

Virginia Debt Commission Will ask Court to Compel Action

### MATTER IS IGNORED

Representatives of Old Dominion Hold Meeting in Washington Today to Push Issue

Richmond, April 25.—The Supreme Court of the United States will be asked to issue such order as will compel the State of West Virginia to pay the judgment awarded the State of Virginia about a year ago on the old debt account.

For this purpose the State Debt Commission—Henry T. Wickham, Judge William F. Rhea, D. H. Pitts, Henry H. Downing, Judge J. Thompson Brown, Congressman H. D. Flood, Randolph Harrison and Colonel Joseph Button, secretary—will convene in Washington today at the New Willard Hotel.

John G. Johnston, of Philadelphia, counsel for the bondholders, and Attorney General John Garland Pollard will be on hand to advise on the legal procedure, and it is expected that every member of the commission will be in attendance.

Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, has announced that he will not call a special session of the West Virginia Legislature to deal with the matter, and the regular session has adjourned without any action whatever. The decree in favor of the State of Virginia was for \$13,000,000 and was entered about a year ago, and since July 1st of last year has been bearing interest at the rate of about \$2,000 a day.

Repeated efforts have been made by the State of Virginia to arrange for an adjustment of the debt, but every overture made by the Old Dominion has been treated with silence, West Virginia officials indicating that the matter was one that did not concern that State and they cared nothing for the action of the Supreme Court of the United States.

What steps will be taken remain to be determined, but the fact is that efforts to reach a settlement following the award have met with no more success than the efforts to settle the debt peacefully, and it is for a discussion of the case in all its phases that the commission will meet and hear from the lawyers and the men who have been handling the matter for the State.

### NOT TO CUT WORKING HOURS

Seventy Six Metal Manufacturing Companies Sign Statement

Pittsburgh, April 25.—Seventy-six metal manufacturing companies whose plants are located in Pittsburgh and the surrounding boroughs announced through a signed statement yesterday that, "after due consideration," they would not reduce the working hours in their respective shops.

The companies, said to employ a total of almost 100,000 men, considered the eight-hour question at a series of meetings held last week after the employees of a number of shops had demanded an eight-hour day and it had become known that other demand were in preparation.

Included in the list are the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, where approximately 13,000 men are already on strike, and the Union Switch and Signal Company, the Westinghouse Machine and the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, where efforts are being made by the electrical strikers to bring out the men.

### ATTENTION F. O. E.

Members of Alva Aerie, No. 871 Fraternal Order of Eagles attending Past Presidents Reception to the members of Washington Aerie No. 125 and Alva Aerie No. 871 on Tuesday April 25th, 1916, will kindly leave on the 7:20 train at Prince and Royal Streets.

W. L. RAMMEL Chairman.

### ANOTHER CHARGE

Von Igel's Papers Show German-Jap Plot Here

New York, April 25.—With the announcement from Washington yesterday that Attorney General Gregory had advised the State Department not to surrender the papers and letters seized when Wolf von Igel was arrested in the former offices of Capt. Franz von Papen, 60 Wall street, it became known that the seized documents furnished the Government authorities with the details of a German plot to stir up trouble between the United States and Japan. The documents are said also to have furnished certain evidence corroborating the reports that Germany was involved in the various Mexican troubles.

Among other things the documents contain reports, written in Japanese, from three Japanese agents in the pay of the German government at Tokio. These reports, each several thousand words in length, cover the activities of German agents and Japanese agents working for Germany, during the greater part of 1915. They set forth in great detail the work that is being done toward instilling hatred of America in the minds of the Japanese people, and of efforts being made to influence Japanese officials and to induce them to involve their country in difficulties with the United States.

### RIOTS IN DUBLIN

Rebels in Possession of Four or Five Parts of City

London, April 25.—Irish rebels are in possession of four or five parts of the city of Dublin after twenty-four hours of most serious rioting. Telegraphic communication with Dublin has been cut off, indicating that the principal portion of the city is held by the rebels.

It is said that the riots had been quelled and that the soldiers recaptured the Dublin postoffice which was taken by the rebels in the first outbreak of yesterday.

Twelve persons were killed in the first fight.

### GERMANS MAKE RAID

Battle Cruisers and Light Cruisers Are Driven Off by British.

London, April 25.—A squadron of German battle cruisers and light cruisers raided the English east coast under cover of darkness at 4 A. M. today, but was driven off in a sharp engagement with British cruisers and destroyers.

The Germans bombarded the seaside resort of Lowestoft, 100 miles northeast of London, at long range, killed two men, a woman and a child in their beds. The bombardment did no great damage.

### DOCTOR GETS \$30,000 FEE

Unidentified Patient in Wilmington Pays Specialist Liberally.

Wilmington, Del., April 25.—Dr. Justin Herold a professor in Fordham Medical School, New York, came to this city Saturday to attend a patient and left Sunday with a fee estimated at from \$10,000 to \$30,000, said to be the largest fee ever paid in this State for services rendered in so short a time. The name of his patient could not be learned. When inquiry was made of Professor Herold at Fordham College today, his reply was given that his mission was private and he would not reveal it.

### AGED ELOPERS WED.

Shreveport, La., April 25.—No, 16 year old elopers ever displayed more anxiety to have the knot tied in a hurry than did Mrs. Jane Benefield, aged 81, and John B. Biddle, 66 years old, who arrived here the other day before dawn from Will's Point, Tex. They routed a district clerk from his bed to get a license and awakened a minister. Objections of Mrs. Benefield's children to the marriage led to the elopement.

### NOTICE TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

All liquor dealers desiring to renew their license must make application for renewal of same on or before May 1st.

CHARLES H. CALLAHAN,  
Commissioner of the Revenue

## MORE RUSSIANS REACH FRANCE

Second Convoy Arrives at Marseilles on Transports Today

### VANGUARD OF 300,000

Muscovites Dressed in Civilian Clothes and Mious Equipment or Uniforms of any Kind

Paris, April 25.—A second convoy of Russian troops arrived at Marseilles aboard transports today.

Information from an authoritative source shows that the recent detachment of Russian troops, whose arrival at Marseilles was made the subject of a considerable public demonstration, was by no means the first Russian contingent to land on French soil.

It appears, moreover, that the first contingent of Russians, amounting to 30,000 in all, is only the vanguard of an army of 300,000, for at least 250,000 of whom complete uniforms and equipment already are waiting in France. Some of them are coming like those already arrived, from Dalny and Vladivostok, from concentration camps in Manchuria, by way of the Suez canal.

The first thousands of Russians arrived at Toulon from Dalny in the first week of April. Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the least inkling of their coming reaching the outside world. All of them were dressed in civilian clothes and were without uniforms or equipment of any kind.

It was explained to such civilian residents of Toulon as caught sight of them that they were Serbian refugees brought from Durazzo and Scutari, Albania.

### MRS. ROGERS ON TRIAL.

Jury is Selected to try Woman Charged With Murder of Her Two Children.

New York, April 25.—The selection of a jury and the presentation of the state's case against Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters Rogers, on trial here for the murder of her two children December 29, 1914, were completed in less than four hours yesterday after which former Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, representing the accused woman, announced that insanity would be the main contention of the defense.

Several witnesses, most of them neighbors of Mrs. Rogers, described her great love for her children, and told of alleged irrational acts of the woman Mr. Chanler announced when the trial was adjourned yesterday evening that he would call a prominent New York alienist as a witness for Mrs. Rogers today. He intimated also that the case probably would go to the jury tomorrow.

### BEATEN TO PULP IN MILL

Man Terribly Mangled When Clothing Catches in Shafting

Wilmington, Del., April 25.—Thomas B. Ford, 37 years old, a widely known church worker of New Castle, died yesterday in the Delaware Hospital, in this city, as the result of injuries sustained in the plant of the American Manganese Steel Company at New Castle. He leaves a widow and three small children.

Ford was oiling a rapidly revolving shaft when his clothing caught and he was whirled about until his clothing gave way and his torn and mangled body was dropped to the floor. Both legs have been torn from the body and he was practically beaten to a pulp, although still living when Joseph P. Herdman, another employee, found him. There were no witnesses to the accident. Ford, as he lay on the floor waiting for the ambulance from the Bethlehem Steel Company's projectile plant, said to the officers and employees who stood around him: "My life is about through. Boys, be good." He died soon after arriving at the hospital.